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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Richie:

I am very concerned about the limited time the public has to respond to the final Cal-Fed plan. A program with the tremendous potential impacts on the environment, the economy, and California agriculture of this one should not go into effect without adequate disclosure. It is essential that the public have the opportunity to understand this document and respond. Therefore I request that you extend the public comment period and hold public hearings explaining the changes in the final plan since the "framework agreement" and their impacts.

As an organic farmer and winery owner in the Napa Valley I consider myself a strong environmentalist. Farmers are and have historically been the best stewards of the land. Removing thousands of acres of farmland from production is not the solution to our water and environmental problems.

Agriculture is essential to the economy and quality of life of this state. The evaluation of the costs and benefits of the Cal-Fed programs has to reflect this reality. There are sensible solutions, which encourage a cooperative effort between farmers, the government, and environmentalists.

Sincerely,



cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Rep. Mike Thompson

Governor Gray Davis
State Sen. Wesley Chesbro
Assemblywoman Pat Wiggins

Supervisor Mel Varrelman